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Hijacking of Lufthansa Airliner

Palestinian terrorists hijacked a Lufthansa Boeing 727 carrying 20 other persons on a Beirut to Istanbul flight early on 29 October and succeeded in obtaining the release of the three surviving Black September Organization (BSO) terrorists seized by West German authorities for the murder of the Israeli athletes at Munich in September. The hijackers told the Lufthansa pilot that they were also members of Black September. Thus far there is no corroboration of their claim, but it is interesting to note that in late September a BSO spokesman was quoted by the West German magazine Quick as saying that the organization planned to free the three men "before the end of the year," and he added that "the sky is full of German aircraft."

The West German decision to release the Munich terrorists was quickly and easily taken for two overriding political reasons. The West German political parties currently are on the last laps of a close election race; in the wake of the Munich tragedy, no party is in a mood to risk the lives of more hostages. Secondly, the trial and presumed sentencing of the terrorists to lengthy imprisonment (West Germany has no death penalty) would have left West Germany and its interests abroad particularly vulnerable to Arab terrorists for an indefinite period. Thus, West German officials welcomed an excuse to rid themselves of an embarrassment and remove themselves from the Arab-Israeli line of fire. In so doing, they were even willing to raise Israeli ire, something Bonn for historical reasons normally is careful to avoid.

Jordanian officials are taking a dim view of the West German decision. They told U.S. Ambassador Brown in Amman that the freeing of

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the terrorists is bound to encourage the BSO, especially in its efforts to recruit new members. (Comment: It is not clear how the grenades were brought aboard the aircraft. The grenades may have been hidden on the aircraft in Damascus or the hijackers may have secreted them in the airport bus prior to being searched and retrieved them when being driven to the aircraft in the same bus.)

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Arrest of Arab Terrorist Courier

Ribhi Hallum, a Palestinian from the West Bank, was arrested by Dutch authorities on 23 October 1972 after examination of his luggage revealed possession of 21 letter bombs, explosives, and pistols. Hallum was travelling on an Algerian diplomatic passport which listed his address as Rio de Janeiro. Hallum claimed to be a counsellor at the Algerian Embassy in Rio in charge of Palestinian affairs. After interrogation, Hallum was released by the Dutch authorities on 24 October and boarded a flight for Rio via Frankfurt. His luggage was impounded by the Dutch authorities. After arriving in Rio, Hallum, along with an individual claiming to be his brother, were arrested by Brazilian police. Both are under interrogation. Among the papers in Hallum's luggage were lists of potential letter bomb addressees. (Comment: Preliminary information gives credence to the hypothesis that the names on the letter bomb mailing list were selected by the Arabs on the basis of the individual's prominence in either Israeli or Jewish affairs in the country of residence.)

Hallum's papers also included names of various individuals in different countries in Western Europe and elsewhere who were authorized to receive monthly payments of \$250 each from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) plus cryptic indications of PLO organizational activities in a number of Latin American countries. These individuals and activities are being investigated and the documents seized are being translated.

As a result of Hallum's detention, Algerian President Houari Boumediene is especially concerned that foreigners holding Algerian passports

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will be apprehended in terrorist activities. He has instructed the Directorate of International Studies (DEI), which is responsible for Algerian aid to liberation movements, not to issue Algerian passports to anyone if there is reason to assume the individual may commit a terrorist act at some future time.

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Letter Bomb Use Is Spreading

In addition to the 21 letter bombs found in Ribhi Hallum's luggage on 23 October, over 80 letter bombs have surfaced from mid-September to the end of October 1972. Sixty of these were mailed in mid-September from Amsterdam.

A total of 12 letter bombs were found during the week of 24-30 October; five of them exploded, injuring at least eight persons. Nine of the devices had been mailed from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and most of these were addressed to Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) officials in Cairo, Tripoli, Beirut, and Algiers. The other three devices were mailed from within Israel and were addressed to President Nixon, Secretary Rogers, and Secretary Laird but were intercepted by Israeli authorities.

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Argentina

Ten extremists who escaped from jail in Argentina in mid-August, hijacked a plane to Chile, and were sent on to Cuba on August 25 reportedly plan a return to Argentina in the very near future. A leader of the Trotskyist People's Revolutionary Army, privately claimed that one of them, a member of his organization, will return in late October or early November and lead a party in a bank robbery one week later. The institution from which they hope to take 3,000,000 new pesos (about U.S. \$300,000) is "somewhere on the outskirts of northern Buenos Aires."

Guatemala

There is reported discussion within the Guatemalan Communist Party and an associated group, the Rebel Armed Forces, on reprisals for the arrest of leaders on September 26. While no decision has been reached, discussion has concerned possible kidnapping and interrogation of police officials, and/or assassination of leading military officers in Guatemala City, U.S. military officers, and some 50 rural landowners. Foreign diplomats have been previously mentioned as targets.

Haiti

The Israeli Ambassador to Haiti informed Haitian officials of a confidential, reliable report in his possession that Palestinian guerrillas plan to kidnap a Jewish child "somewhere in Latin America" and that Haiti is a strong possibility. (The Haitian officials have ordered tighter security at the international airport and assigned bodyguards to certain Jewish families.)

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Jamaica

The German Ambassador in Kingston has information that an attempt will be made by Arab terrorists to kidnap a German Ambassador and/or the children of an Israeli representative in Latin America on October 30. (Police in Jamaica are guarding both the German Ambassador and Israeli honorary consul.)

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Threat Against King Husayn of Jordan

Fatah's Black September Organization (BSO) is planning to use a woman named Randa (LNU), described as the most beautiful and most dangerous woman in Fatah, to assassinate King Husayn of Jordan. Randa is identified as a person who spent a year in prison in Israel and recently had come to Beirut. Israeli authorities confirm that one Randa Ibrahim Nimr Nabulsi was imprisoned in March 1969 for participating in terrorist activity in the Jerusalem area. She was released after one year and entered Jordan in September 1971.

Training of Arab Terrorists by the Black Panther Party in Algiers

Five Palestinian commandos, described as "African blacks," are reported to be training with American Black Panthers in Algiers for the purpose of learning idioms and mannerisms of black American soldiers. The commandos were to hijack a Lufthansa aircraft to secure the release of the three Arab terrorists jailed in Munich. There has been no confirmation of this report, nor any further information regarding possible re-targeting of the group as a consequence of the successful Lufthansa hijack of 29 October 1972. (Comment: A knowledgeable source in Algiers considers these reports "unrealistic" in light of the low esteem in which the Black Panthers are now held by both the Algerian Government and the Fatah representative in Algiers.)

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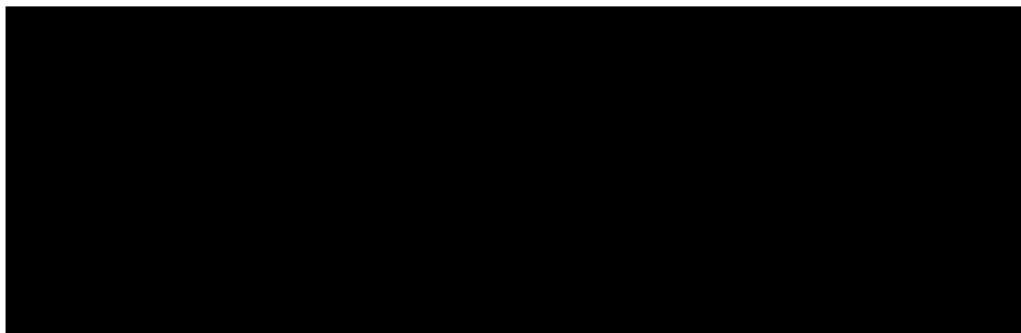
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Bombing of French Consulate in Zaragoza, Spain,
by Basque Nationalists

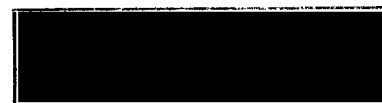
Persons claiming to be members of the Basque nationalist organization, Liberate the Fatherland (ETA), set off a bomb in the French Consulate in Zaragoza, Spain, on 2 November 1972 after tying the Honorary Consul, his secretary and another employee. The bomb exploded shortly afterwards setting the Consulate building on fire. The Consul subsequently died of burns.

Leaflets circulated on the campus of Zaragoza University on the day of the bombing claimed that a group called the "Collective of the Hammer and Sickle" was responsible for the bombing. The leaflets also claimed that the attack was made in reprisal for recent French measures curtailing the movements of exiled Spanish Basques in southwest France. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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A Chronology of Significant International
Terrorist Acts

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
30 October	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Malaysian postal authorities intercepted and defused letter bombs mailed from Kuala Lumpur, Jalan Sultan and Petalang Jaya. The bombs were destined for addressees in United States, United Kingdom, Italy and West Germany. (UNCLASSIFIED)
30 October	Singapore	Singapore authorities intercepted and defused letter bombs posted in Singapore and destined for addressees in Italy, Rhodesia, United States, United Kingdom and Israel. (UNCLASSIFIED)
31 October	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Malaysian authorities intercepted and defused additional letter bombs destined for Rhodesia, Italy, United Kingdom and United States. (UNCLASSIFIED)

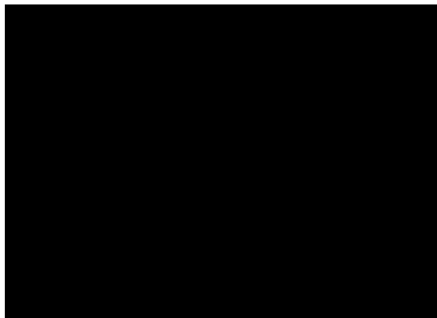
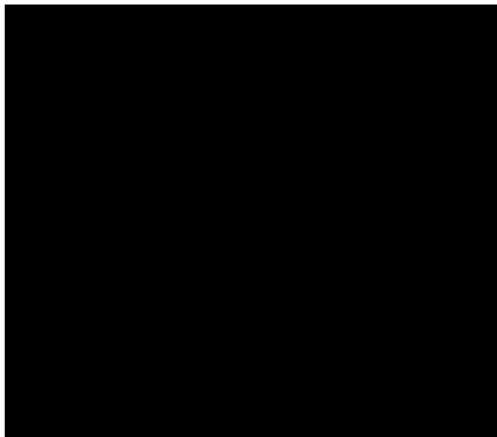
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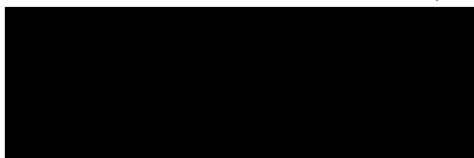
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1 November	Lagos, Nigeria		25X1C3b1
2 November	Zaragoza, Spain	Three youths, possibly Basque extremists, bombed the French Consulate fatally injuring French Honorary Consul and slightly injuring two others. (UNCLASSIFIED)	
3 November	Brasilia, Brazil		25X1C3b1
3 November	Amman, Jordan	French girl killed in explosion in hotel room. She is identified as member of Popular Revolutionary Front for the Liberation	

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		of Palestine. Jordanian police attribute her death to premature explosion of bomb she was handling. She had intended to place the bomb in the U.S. Embassy, Amman. (UNCLASSIFIED)
4 November	Rio de Janiero, Brazil	
5 November	San Salvador, El Salvador	Unknown assailants set off a bomb in the Pan American World Airways main ticket office, causing considerable damage but no casualties. (UNCLASSIFIED)
6 November	Tokyo, Japan	Japanese citizen hijacked a Japan Airlines domestic flight and attempted unsuccessfully to get two million dollars in ransom and a larger aircraft to take him to Cuba. (UNCLASSIFIED)
6 November	Bombay, India	Post Office sorter seriously injured when letter bomb goes off in his hands. Indian authorities indicate they have

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		additional bombs that they will send to explosive experts. (UNCLASSIFIED)
8 November	Mexico	A Mexican airliner bound for Mexico City from Monterrey was hijacked by three men who claimed to be members of the National Liberation Front (FLN). The hijackers demanded four million pesos ransom and the release of six of their colleagues who were arrested in Monterrey on 7 November. The six had taken part in a number of armed robberies in the Monterrey and Saltillo areas. Three of the six had been involved previously in terrorist activities or student protests. The Mexican Government acceded to the hijackers' demands and were then flown to Cuba. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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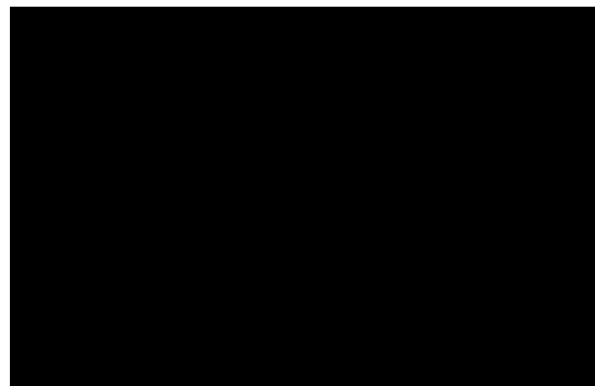
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Unknown

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Americans

Greece

Unknown

On 6 November Greek underground organization called "Greek Anti-Dictatorial Youth Movement" threatened to use violence against Americans in Greece because it claimed the U.S. Government was supporting the Greek military regime. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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U.S. Commercial Aircraft

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Alia or El Al
Aircraft, or
Possibly Other
Airlines or
Aircraft

Tehran, Iran

Unknown

Fatah terrorists are planning to hijack a plane from Tehran, although other locations may also be the target. Several European countries, Ethiopia, and India have been cited as possible other locations. One of the possible hijackers is a female, whose identity and description have been made available to airline officials and government authorities. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Israeli Pilots

Texas

Unknown

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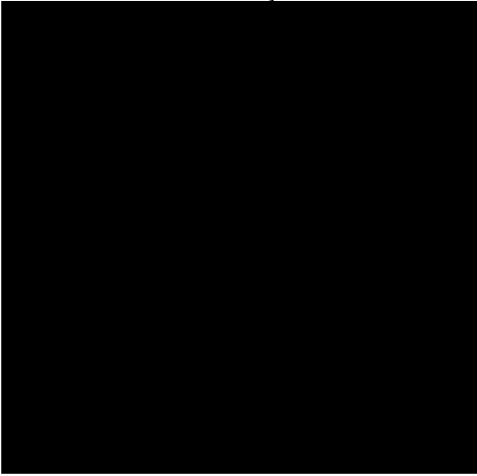
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5-9 November 1972	Algiers, Algeria	25X1D0a 
08 November 1972	San Pedro, Honduras	The San Pedro Sula office of the "La Prensa" newspaper was

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bombed by unidentified person(s). (Comment: It is believed that the Black September Organization may have been involved since a copy of a Black September letter was circulating in San Pedro the weekend of 4 November 1972.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Circa 9 November 1972

Malta

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United States/Cuba

One convict and two suspected rapists hijacked a Southern Airlines DC-9 on a flight from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama, and subjected its 29 passengers and crew of four to 28

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hours of terror. They collected some two million dollars in ransom money and diverted the flight to eight separate locations in the United States, Canada and Cuba before terminating the flight and surrendering to Cuban authorities in Havana early on 12 November. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10 November 1972

London, England

A letter bomb mailed from India exploded, injuring a Jewish diamond dealer. A total of 20 letter bombs mailed from India and addressed to individuals whose names appeared in "Who's Who," the Zionist yearbook, and advertisements, have been intercepted in London. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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San Jose, Costa Rica

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10-11 November 1972

Geneva, Switzerland

Six letter bombs mailed from India were intercepted by Swiss authorities. The letters were addressed to the Israeli officials and Jewish organizations in Geneva. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Ankara, Turkey

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14 November 1972

Paris, France

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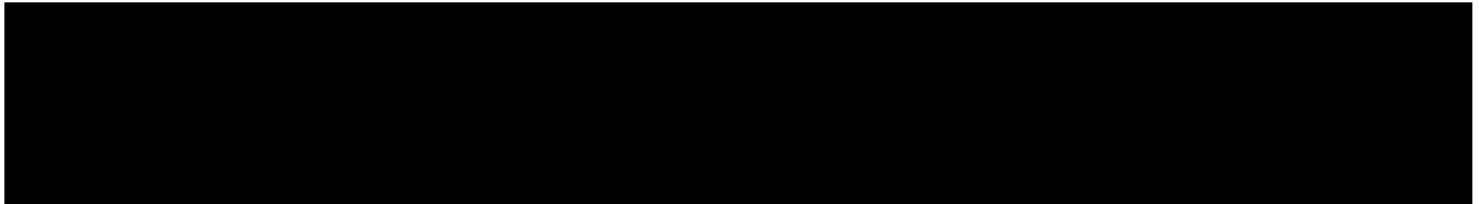
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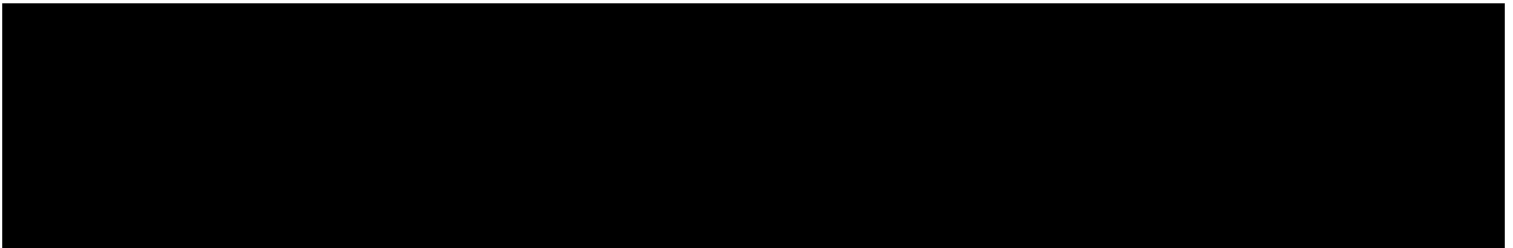
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11-17 November 1972	London, United Kingdom	Britain's Post Office intercepted a letter bomb addressed to a Jewish Member of Parliament. (See separate article on letter bombs.) (UNCLASSIFIED)
15 November 1972	Alice Springs, Australia	A hijacker attempted to commandeer an Ansett aircraft on a domestic flight carrying 34 passengers and four crew; one policeman was seriously wounded and the would-be hijacker was fatally injured. (UNCLASSIFIED)
15 November 1972	San Salvador, El Salvador	

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18 November 1972

Liverpool, United Kingdom

A letter bomb, postmarked India, addressed to a non-existent company in a building occupied by a Jewish firm was intercepted by the Post Office and detonated by a bomb disposal team. (UNCLASSIFIED)

19 November 1972

Kuwait, Lebanon

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19 November 1972

Beirut, Lebanon

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Lebanese security forces arrested the Assistant Military Attache of the Jordanian Embassy as he attempted to pass a bag containing explosives to an unidentified accomplice. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Discovery of Weapons Cache at Rome Airport

The Italian police discovered four attache cases containing sub-machine guns and hand grenades at Rome's airport on 26 November. The attache cases apparently were abandoned by a band of would-be hijackers who gave up their plans after seeing that all passengers are required to pass through a metal detector before being allowed to board a plane. The serial numbers had been filed off all the weapons but the serial number of one of the weapons is still legible and police are now checking it out. The attache cases belonged to four Libyan travelers who arrived in Rome on 25 November from Tripoli via Lufthansa enroute to four different European destinations: London, Madrid, Paris and Belgrade. All four departed Rome 2100 hours, 25 November for Cairo on a Sudanese Air Line flight. Data on the four travelers is being sought. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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TERRORIST TARGETS AND PLANS

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLANNED ACTION</u>	25X1C
Unknown	Unknown	Late November Early December 1972		
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Yugoslav Diplo- matic Establish- ments	Worldwide	2 December 1972	Anti-Communist Croatian organiza- tions and emigres are planning demonstrations against Yugoslav diplomatic establishments in honor of the first anniversary of the Zagreb student uprising. (Comment: It is not known whether the demonstrations will be violent or peaceful.) (UNCLASSIFIED)	
West German Diplomats	Central America	5-11 December 1972	25X1C8b	

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* Alia or El Al
Aircraft, or
Possibly Other
Air Lines or
Aircraft

Tehran, Iran

Unknown

Fatah terrorists are planning to hijack a plane from Tehran, although other locations may also be the target. Several European countries, Ethiopia and India have also been cited as possible locations.
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* Israeli Pilots

Texas

Unknown

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Italian Installa-
tions, Alitalia

Unknown

Unknown

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Aircraft

London,
United Kingdom

November/
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1972

The Irish Republic Army (IRA) may attempt to hijack an aircraft for the release of Sean MacStiofain, who was sentenced 25 November 1972 to six months imprisonment for being a member of the IRA, a proscribed organization. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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* Oil Installation

Qatar or Bahrain

Unknown

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24-25 November 1972

Frankfurt, West Germany

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A German hijacker seized an Air Canada jetliner on the ground and held hostage a stewardess for approximately 24 hours while threatening to blow up the plane unless German authorities met his demands including release of a Czech hijacker. The German

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hijacker was eventually shot dead by the police. The hostage and the plane were unharmed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

26 November 1972

Rome, Italy

Four Arabs who arrived in Italy from Libya abandoned four attache cases containing sub-machine guns and hand grenades in a Rome airport. Italian authorities conjectured that the four were potential hijackers. (See separate article.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

26 November 1972

Athens, Greece

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November 1972

Casablanca, Morocco

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